

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. **(currently amended)** A tray, comprising a plurality of non-tapered cavities, wherein each non-tapered cavity comprises a plurality of rectangular ribs ~~rib~~ protruding into the cavity, each cavity is ~~substantially~~ symmetrically open-ended at both ends, said tray and said ribs are constructed of a substantially rigid material, ~~and~~ said tray and said ribs are constructed of a continuous piece of material, and said ribs are longitudinally positioned along the walls of the cavity, are parallel to the walls of the cavity, and extend along the entire length of the walls of the cavity.
2. **(canceled)**
3. **(previously presented)** The tray of claim 1, wherein the non-tapered cavities are of uniform size and shape.
4. **(previously presented)** The tray of claim 1, wherein the non-tapered cavities are of a shape selected from the group consisting of: (a) Polygons; (b) Ovular; (c) Circular; and (d) Non-angularly shaped objects.
5. **(canceled)**
6. **(currently amended)** The tray of claim 1 [[5]], wherein the ribs are of uniform size.
7. **(canceled)**
8. **(currently amended)** The tray of claim 1 [[5]], wherein the ribs are evenly spaced.
9. **(currently amended)** The tray of claim 1 [[5]], wherein the ribs are positioned around the cavity at intervals.

Claims 10-25 **(canceled)**